

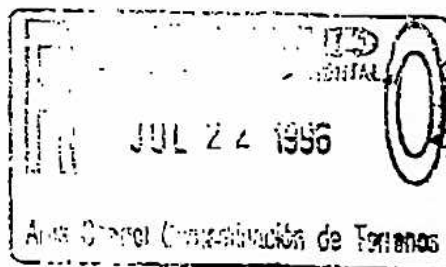


## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY - REGION II

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CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Herminio Concepción  
Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board  
P.O. Box 11488  
Santurce, PR 00910

Re: Former Digital Equipment Corporation - San German Facility  
(PRD991291857)

Dear Mr. Concepción:

The Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board (PREQB) is the lead regulatory agency for the Voluntary Corrective Action Implementation program being carried out by the Digital Equipment Corporation (Digital) at its former San German facility. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) encourages the use of Voluntary Corrective Action by facilities as an expeditious way of addressing remediation at appropriate sites. As you know, we have been in contact with both PREQB and Digital and have agreed to submit comments on this Voluntary Corrective Action Implementation program. Accordingly, we have reviewed a number of reports submitted to us by your office and by Digital, and are providing you with our comments regarding these reports.

We are in receipt of the following reports: the RCRA Facility Investigation Summary Report (July 1995), the Final Draft - Remedial Systems Design Report for the Interim Measures Soil and Groundwater Remediation (August 1995), Quarterly Progress Reports (for July-September 1995, October-November 1995, and December 1995 - March 1996), the Former Wastewater Treatment Plant Assessment and Investigation of Other Suspected Source Areas (April 1996), the Results of Confirmatory PRASA Well Sampling (June 1996).

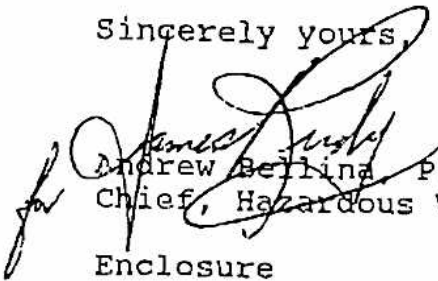
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The enclosed comments are based on our review of the above documents. In general, we believe that Digital is conducting a conscientious and complete Voluntary Corrective Action Implementation Program. Our comments relate to specific details of the submitted reports and are intended to focus attention on these issues. We realize that some of the reports cite earlier reports for investigations which we have not reviewed, and that some of our comments may have been addressed in these earlier documents.

Should you have any questions regarding these comments or wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Mr. Richard F. Krauser, of my staff, at (212) 637-4166.

Sincerely yours,

 Andrew Bellina, P.E.  
for Chief, Hazardous Waste Facilities Branch

Enclosure

cc: Israel Torres, Puerto Rico Environmental Quality Board